Dependents' allowances shall be regarded as benefits for the purpose of computing contribution rates under the terms of  $\S$  8(c) of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

## CHAPTER 709

(House Bill 180)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Baltimore City Department of Social Services

FOR the purpose of transferring the director and employees of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to the State Merit System and the State Employees' Retirement System; providing for such director's and employees' merit system status, retirement system contributions, salaries and rights; providing for the manner of appointing directors of the local departments of social services; reducing the maximum local contribution for certain public assistance programs, and relating generally to the administration and financing of public assistance programs.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System Section 24B and 24C Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration Section 2(d), 13, 14A, and 18A(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 24B and 24C be and they are